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New Bridge And Tunnel For South Capitol St.



This drawing from the study report shows a possible new So. Capitol St. Bridge looking from the SE side of the Anacostia toward the Washington Monument and Capitol dome—with a 35 ft. clearance rather than the steeper 45 ft. height of the present bridge. "At this time, lowering the bridge's elevation appears to be feasible, as most navigational traffic could be accommodated by a 35-foot vertical clearance," says the report. "The movable span would have to open at approximately the same frequency as the current swing span."

South Capitol St. bridge across the Anacostia River would be replaced by a new, lower, bridge and a tunnel if a new study by the D.C. Dept. of Transportation and others is followed.

Present traffic capacity of the bridge is 45,300 vehicles a day, according to the study. A new bridge and a deep tunnel connecting I-295 and I-395 would handle 115,800 vehicles.

The present Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge—which the study says in an "advanced state of disrepair"—would be repaired and be used for another 15 years while design and construction are underway. Construction would start in 2011 and take at least four years.

Cost of the new bridge would be \$564 million and of the new tunnel \$1 billion. ■



D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Maryland Congressman Steny Hiron at the press conference announcing the plan for So. Capitol St.

Zoning Comm. Votes Yes on Waterside PUD

The zoning changes requested by developers of Waterside Mall were approved by the five member D.C. Zoning Commission at a meeting at their offices in 441—4th St. N.W. Mon., June 9.

The changes, which are packaged in a document called a Planned Unit Development (PUD), have been the subject of briefings and discussions with the develop-

ers and the D.C. Office of Planning, public meetings with the developers and two days of public hearings by the zoning commission.

The final sticking point at the zoning commission members was the scheduling of construction or renovation of the eight or so buildings that will make up the project. By some calculations the apartment buildings included in the project might not be built until 2020. Ms. Ellen McCarthy, representing the Office of Planning, held last minute discussions with the developers and reported, "The residential amenity can start in 2008." ■

Fireworks, Concerts, Parade, Fri. July 4

Southwest residents are right next door to all the spectacle of the Fourth of July celebration on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. (www.nps.gov/nama/events)

FIREWORKS

At 9:10 pm when the fireworks start, you can watch without getting into the crowds on the Mall. The Southwest waterfront has a good view. Or stand along Maine Ave. S.W., which points right at the Washington Monument where the fireworks explode. Points closer toward or on the Mall are just a few blocks to walk, and are easy to walk back from at 10 p.m. when the crowds pour off the Mall.

PARADE

At 11:45 a.m. the parade starts along Constitution Ave. from 7th St.



N.W. (Archives/Navy Memorial stop on the METRO Green Line) marching toward 17th St. N.W. and lasts two hours. There will be 60 units of marching bands, giant helium balloons, fancy floats and celebrities. Crowds are usually six-deep along Constitution Ave.

CONCERTS

From 4:30 p.m. till the fireworks starts at 9:10, the US Navy Band will

perform at the outdoor Sylvan Theater next to the Washington Monument at 17th near Independence Ave. Singer Aaron Tippin will join them at 8 pm. (But don't plan to use the Smithsonian METRO stop. IT IS CLOSED ON JULY 4th. And plan on walking back from the fireworks – the METRO will be swamped and there may be a long wait).

At 7 pm the National Symphony Orchestra and singers will perform on the lawn west of the Capitol Building, near 3rd and Independence Ave. S.W. with live broadcast on public broadcasting TV stations. (www.pbs.org/capitol-fourth)

Guest artists are Dolly Parton, The Chieftains, John Williams, Kristin Chenoweth, Barry Bostwick and Pops Conductor Erich Kunzel. ■

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Jobs For Senior Citizens

A pamphlet listing names and telephone numbers of organizations that help senior citizens find jobs is available for \$1 from:

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A dozen organizations have D.C. phone numbers, while many others are in the VA and MD suburbs. ■



Dr. Vesta McDowell in her examining room of Southwest Podiatry at 300 M St. S.W. Her office hours are Mon, Wed., Thurs. 10 am to 6 pm; Fri. 10 - 2pm.

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Road To Healthy Feet Explained

Dr. Vesta McDowell, podiatrist and surgeon, with offices on M St. S.W., illustrated the intricate bone and muscle structure of the feet with a model of a foot and answered questions from the audience at a forum in S.W. recently. ■



Using a model showing the inner working of the foot, Dr. Vesta McDowell, podiatrist and surgeon explained foot problems at a recent forum. This illustration was in a pamphlet on Heel, Ankle & Arch Pain.

Arena Stage Offers Youth Summer Camp

This summer Arena Stage will train local youth in acting, dancing, stagecraft, and play writing at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW, next to the athletic field. Registration for each two-week camp is \$100 each. ■

Southwest Community Calendar

MONTHLY

Fri. June 13, Police awards banquet - Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW - 6:30 pm

Thurs. June 19, Zoning hearing for SE Federal Center, 441 4th St. N.W. - 6:30 pm

Fri. June 20, Last day for students at D.C. public schools

Sat. June 21, Church Breakfast for the public \$5, Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & K St. SW, entrance across from SW Library, 9 am to 11 am

Mon. June 23, NO MEETING OF SWNA

Sat. June 28, Health Care festival at King Greenleaf field, N St. S.W. and Canal St. 11 am - 5 pm

Mon. July 14, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. 6 pm

Thurs. July 24, Zoning Commission public hearing on Hope VI for Capper/Carrollburg, 441 4th St. N.W. 6:30 pm

Sat. July 26, Karate Open House, 1412 Fourth St. S.W. 10 am to 4 pm

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

Komen Toastmasters - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am

Fil-Am Toastmasters - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

School St. Toastmasters - Every Tues, 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 88 - noon

S.W. Kiwanis - First & Third Mon., S.E. University, 6th & I St. S.W. - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

S.W. Citizens Patrol with Officer Kenny Daniels - 4th & M St., S.W. Safeway parking lot, every Tues. at 7 p.m.

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Members of SWNA's History Task Force received a preview of the 17 new signs, at right, that will be along a walking trail in Near Southwest next fall. The trail will be named "River Farms to Urban Towers: Southwest Heritage Trail." A brochure will be printed as a guide.



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Heritage Trail Coming To SW

Next fall Near Southwest will have 17 large signs along sidewalks in the neighborhood, telling of historical events and locations in the area. Signs will be similar to those along two walking trails already in place – one through downtown and one in the U Street N.W. area.

The History Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has been working with "Cultural Tourism DC," to plan where to place the signs and what illustrations to put on them. The purpose of the history trails is "building community pride and encouraging tourists to discover the city's historic neighborhoods."

Margaret Feldman is chair of the SWNA History Task Force at 554-0242.

A website with information on the trails is www.culturaltourismdc.org.

Parking At Waterfront Mall

By Stephen M. Nanney

Parking is available to the general public at Waterfront for \$80 per month. This may benefit local metro riders. Interested people should see Tony or Mike at our management office Monday – Fri-

day between 9 am and 5 pm. They can also be called at 202-554-0954 for more information. This "commuter parking" is in our rear lot, as we are keeping our front lot [M Street side] reserved for store patrons parking up to two hours.

SWNA Takes Summer Break

The next monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be Monday, Sep. 22, 2003. As in past years the Board of SWNA will meet occasionally, but the 4th Monday evening meeting for the neighborhood will not be held in June, July or August.

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FOOD, WATER, RESTROOMS

Bring your own food, or you'll stand in long lines at concession stands near the monuments. Bring your own water for the whole day, although water stations are throughout the Mall. Portable restrooms will be placed around the Mall

THE SUN AND HEAT

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Parvizian Raises Funds For SEU



Allen Parvizian, vice President, Parvizian, Inc., drives bargaining during the live auction benefit for Southeastern University. The auction took place during a retirement gala for CEO Abdi Parvizian.

Live and silent auctions to raise funds for Southeastern University were features of a recent retirement gala for Abdi Parvizian, a trustee of the University, and President and CEO of Parvizian, Inc., the chain of oriental carpet stores he founded in 1967.

"I have been in business for many years, and this country has offered me great opportunity and a measure of success," Parvizian said. "I have been very impressed with [Southeastern University's] mission, its academic programs, and President Charlene Drew Jarvis' vision for its future."

Mr. Parvizian is already active in community affairs. He sponsored a benefit at his Bethesda-based store for the families of the victims of the Pentagon attack. He underwrote all costs, and presented \$70,000 to the Survivors Fund, Washington, DC. ■

Only Minor Injuries Now At Gen'l Hospital

D.C. General Hospital now handles only minor non-life threatening injuries. On May 2 it was converted to an "Urgent Care" Center for walk-in cases like sprains, minor burns or minor cuts if you don't have a regular doctor or the doctor's office is closed.

Hours of operation will be from 11 am to 11 pm Monday through Friday and 11 am to 7 pm Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

The METRO station closest to General Hospital is Stadium/ Armory on the blue and orange lines.

Serious injuries like gunshot wounds have to go to the emergency room of a hospital. ■



The choir performs at Christ United Methodist Church's 40th Anniversary.

Methodists Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Forty years ago, in 1963, two Methodist Churches joined to form a new church at 4th and I St. S.W. – Christ United Methodist Church.

A celebration at the church, recently, marked its 40th anniversary. Pictures of the seven pastors who have served over the years were in the bulletin for the event. They are: Rev. Lester K. Welch, 1963-1969; Rev. Carroll Yingling, 1969-1974; Rev. Don Bruce Lowe, 1974-1985; Rev. Kathryn B. Moore, 1985-1992; Rev. Ester M. Holimon, 1992-2000; Rev. Wendy J. Shenk-Evans, 2000-2002; Rev. Joan H. Coates, 2002-present.

Speaking at the celebration was Rev. James C. Logan.



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Police Cameras Keep Eye On S.W.

By Dale MacIver

Three of the 13 surveillance cameras operated by the Metropolitan Police Dept. in Washington, D.C., are located in Near Southwest, according to information supplied by civil rights attorneys who spoke at the May meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) at St. Matthews Lutheran church.

Cameras on towers on the top of buildings record everyone and everything in view and keep the tapes for 10 days or longer. Surveillance cameras in Southwest are on L'Enfant Plaza, the Smithsonian Castle and the Voice of America Building at 3rd and Independence, S.W. No court approval or search warrant is required.

Tapes were made of the Million Family March, the March for Life, the Jan. 18th Anti-War rally and others.

"Safeguards" promised by the police department include having a police lieutenant or assistant chief supervise the operation, unauthorized use or misuse of the camera system will result in disciplinary action, and signs will be posted indicating where the cameras will be deployed.

The civil rights attorneys argued that the \$9,000,000 already spent by D.C. police for these surveillance tapes should have been more effectively used for community policing, including hiring 250 more police a year on our streets. They urged letters be sent to council members.

S.W. Committee Helps Families; Needs YOU !

A good way to help out in your neighborhood is by joining the Program Committee of the SW/WRFSC for a few hours once a month.

The South Washington Collaborative (SW/WRFSC) works to reduce child abuse and neglect and to help families.

The program committee monitors and evaluates services provided or supported by the Collaborative. The committee meets every second Wednesday at 5:30 pm at 1501 Half St. S.W. Its next meeting is July 9. Light refreshments are served. Call 202-479-0442 or e-mail to nmonk10501@aol.com.

Computer Certification Classes

Computer certification classes are being offered by "SaiTex Engineering" in the Head To Toe building at 1412 Fourth St. S.W.

See the ad on this page.

Karate Demo, Open House Sat. July 26

An all-day Open House in the Fourth St. and P St. S.W. building (Head To Toe) on Sat. July 26 from 10 am to 4 pm will include Martial Arts demonstration, free personal safety instruction, refreshments and drawing for 12 Free Lessons.

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New Bridge & Tunnel : Option 5



Traffic from Interstate Highway I-295, which has been using the So. Capitol St. Bridge to head into the city, would be able to use the new tunnel, which would have an entrance like this on the east side of the Anacostia River and carry traffic to the 3rd St. tunnel of I-395. The tunnel also will permit removing the elevated Southeast Freeway. "South Capitol Street will not be an urban gateway worthy of the nation's capital without removing the Southeast Freeway," the study says.

At a series of public meetings over the past two years, planners for the D.C. Dept. of Transportation and other government agencies discussed five options, ranging from only repairing the present bridge to replacing the bridge with a new bridge and tunnel – called Option 5.

The report favors this option, stating:

"This option would increase traffic capacity but in a dramatically different way. It would also have the most positive impact on local neighborhoods, because commuter trips would largely be diverted off South Capitol Street to the tunnel. If the tunnel is constructed, the resulting traffic reduction may also be sufficient to locate a transit line on South Capitol Street.

"The addition of a transit right-of-way would dramatically improve transit performance throughout the study area/ Transit operations would be faster and more reliable. A dedicated transit line would provide a visual presence that would encourage transit use, and amenities at transit stations would make transit use more comfortable, convenient, and secure.

"Finally, the South Capitol Street-Suitland Parkway-I-295 interchange [on the east side of the river] would be reconfigured but would include new portals to the tunnel to connect to both



At the So. Capitol St. news conference were, left to right, Sixth Ward Councilwoman Sharon Ambrose, Congressman Steny Hoyer and Mayor Anthony Williams.



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton addressed the news conference.

northbound and southbound I-295."

The study recommends a "deep-bored tunnel" rather than construction by "cut and cover." It says, "The deep-bored tunnel would disrupt the surface only at each end. A tunnel-boring machine would be assembled at one end to excavate the tunnel's entire length. A deep-bored tunnel would have less impact on traffic, would not require land clearance between the tunnel ends, and would avoid riverbed disturbance."

Study Keeps So. Capitol St. 130 ft. Wide

The possibility of widening So. Capitol St. was considered at the public meetings, but it was decided to keep the street right-of-way at its present width—130 ft. The report says:

"After careful analysis and consideration, this study has selected 130 feet as South Capitol Street's optimal street section because it fulfilled the greatest number of transportation and urban design objectives... Of the three options considered, the 130 foot street section balances multi-modal traffic most effectively.

Six lanes of vehicular traffic maintain South Capitol's current capacity but also allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross the street at signalized intersections with ease."

At another point the report states: "Creating the South Capitol Street Gateway appears not to require the purchase of any private residences because existing street right-of-way can largely accommodate the needed transportation facilities with a tree-lined, six-lane boulevard with generous sidewalks."



Aerial view of Memorial Bridge

Congress Ordered Bridge Study

In 2001 Congress ordered the U.S. Department of Transportation, in conjunction with local and federal agencies, to make this study of the So. Capitol St. bridge area and report by Sep. 30, 2003.

The report states, "Under the leader-

ship of Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer, the House Appropriations Committee allocated funds in 2001 to study alternatives to South Capitol Street's current condition... [The study report] outlines solutions to these problems that are both technically and financially feasible."

Memorial Bridge: Model For So. Capitol

The low height of Memorial Bridge, between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery is illustrated in the So. Capitol St. study as the type that should be built at So. Capitol St. The report states:

"Lowering the bridge allows at-grade connections to the street network on both sides of the river. Unlike the current bridge, which looms above the local streets and catapults vehicular traffic well into the city center, the new bridge's relationship to the river banks will make it perform like a city street rather than a highway. This will facilitate the construction of the Anacostia Riverwalk and creates new opportunities for parks and other open spaces."



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The eight players in the middle row, (left to right) are: D. Washington, M. Johnson, J. Mgaza, R. Davis, M. Mack, D. Brooks, A. Wilkinson, R. Stewart. In front on one knee H (left to right) are: R. Terrell, D. Johnson, E. Wanzor and A. Feemster. ■

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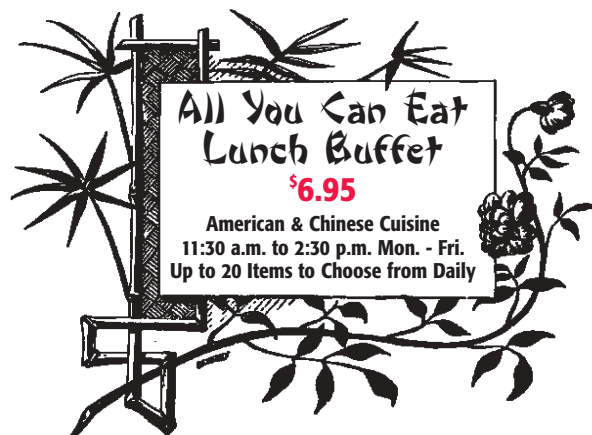
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